

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEVEN RUSSELL,

Defendant.

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No. 1:20-10018-STA

ORDER

On July 9, 2020, Defendant Russell sent a letter to the Court (DE #34), asking that the Court consider dismissing his charges or in the alternative, to consider releasing Defendant on bond. Defendant's request is *DENIED* because he is currently represented by counsel and, thus, cannot file motions *pro se*. See 28 U.S.C. § 1654 ("In all courts of the United States the parties may plead and conduct their own cases personally or by counsel"); see also *United States v. Toufaily*, 2011 WL 318125, at *1 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 31, 2011) (reiterating that a criminal defendant is not entitled to represent himself while simultaneously represented by counsel and citing cases that a party may choose either to represent himself or to appear through an attorney).

The Clerk's Office is directed to mail a copy of this order to the defendant at the address listed on the envelope accompanying his motion.

s/ S. Thomas Anderson
S. THOMAS ANDERSON
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: July 9, 2020